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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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This declaration is for an original application.

INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name. I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

TITLE OF INVENTION

STRUCTURAL REINFORCEMENT MEMBER AND METHOD OF USE THEREFOR

SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

The specification is attached hereto.

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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and the successors, assigns and legal representatives of the ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest for the United States and its territorial possessions and in all foreign countries, including all rights to claim priority, in and to any and all improvements which are disclosed in the invention entitled:

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and which is found in (37 C.F.R. Section 3.21) U.S. provisional application naming the above inventor for the above-entitled invention

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set hand and seal this 15th day of OCTOBER 2002.

Date: 10/11/02

Signature of William J. Barz

County of Macomb)
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Before me this 15th day of October 2002, personally appeared the above named individual, to me known to be the person described in, and who executed the foregoing assignment instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same of her own free will for the purpose therein expressed.

Jeffrey P. Dennis
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